



Luzerne County Council
June 12, 2018
Luzerne County Court House
Council Meeting Room
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711

Minutes
Voting Session

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim McGinley.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

Edward A. Brominski
Harry Haas
Eugene Kelleher
Tim McGinley
Chris Perry
Sheila Saidman, Esq.
Robert Schnee
Stephen A. Urban
Matthew Vough
Jane Walsh Waitkus

Absent

Linda McClosky Houck

Also Present

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager
Romilda P. Crocamo, Esq., Chief County Solicitor
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations

Mr. McGinley announced there were proclamations recognizing Dominic Joseph Dempsey and Benjamin D. Klaproth who obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. They will be receiving the proclamations at their award dinner next week.

Mr. McGinley announced there was a proclamation in recognition of Children and Youth's Janice Reindel, who received the 2018 Independent Living Caseworker of the Year Award. Since Ms. Reindel is currently at the conference accepting the award, the proclamation will be presented to her at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. McGinley announced there was a proclamation in recognition of Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week in Luzerne County. Mr. McGinley read the proclamation and asked the Director of Human Services, Lynn Hill, to come forward to accept the Proclamation. Director Hill commended her staff and thanked Council.

Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

None

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

The Voting Session Agenda is adopted (10-0)

Public Comment on Voting Session Agenda Items

None

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Motion to adopt minutes of the May 22, 2018 Voting Meeting

Motion by: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Eight (8) Ayes by Mr. Haas, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

Two (2) Nays by Mr. Brominski and Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Motion Passed (8-2)

The May 22, 2018 Voting Meeting Minutes are Adopted

2. Introduction of ordinance authorizing an amendment to the 2018 Budget to Allow for a Transfer from the Reserve Fund (Public Defender)

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Haas

Roll Call Vote:

Seven (7) Yes by Mr. Haas, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

Three (3) No by Mr. Brominski, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Ordinance is Introduced (7-3)

3. Motion to adopt resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute an Agreement with PPL for the Installation/Conversion of LED Lighting (Water Street Bridge)

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (10-0)

4. Motion to adopt resolution committing a Local Match for State Operating Assistance for the Hazleton Public Transit

Motion by: Mr. Perry

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (10-0)

5. Motion to approve expenditure of Council funds for CCAP annual conference registration fee (Haas)

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Public Comment

Brian Shiner (Kingston) commented on the Long Range Fiscal and Capital Plan. He sent an email to Council regarding the lack of a public hearing and the posting of the Capital Plan. Mr. Shiner stated the Charter needs to be followed and things done correctly. He also commented on Children & Youth issues he brought forth and thanked Lynn Hill and her staff for the resolution and quick action taken regarding one of the items that escalated.

Joe McCabe (Exeter) thanked Council and Ed O'Neill for taking care of the Water Street Bridge issue.

Mr. McGinley noted that the meeting schedule for Council Off-Site Meetings has changed due to some issues at LCCC with air conditioning and lighting. The June 26th meeting will be held in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse and not at LCCC.

Mr. McGinley announced 911 had an Open House this past weekend that was very well attended and received. Mr. McGinley congratulated the staff and thanked them for providing that service to our citizens so they may see the technology and operations.

Mr. McGinley announced a long time employee of Luzerne County, Patty Kopec, who most recently worked in the payroll department, passed away. He asked everyone to take a moment in closing the meeting to honor and recognize her and all of the work she provided to the County for many years.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Kelleher

Mr. Brominski requested an Executive Session regarding Personnel after adjournment.

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 6:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Lawrence
Clerk of Council

* Audio of this meeting can be found in its entirety on the County Council webpage <http://www.luzernecounty.org/county/luzerne-county-council> or by contacting the Office of the Clerk of Council at (570) 825-1634 or via email to sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org